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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

Passes orders in the matter of construction of Primary School Buildings and their maintenance by the Village Panchayets.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 4396-416—Edn. 11-48-3, dated 10th November 1948, laying down the procedure for speeding up the construction of Primary School Buildings.

2. Government Order No. L.B. 4687-91—L. B. 52-48-2, dated 8th December 1948, sanctioning an Engineering Establishment to the District Board, Mysore, for the construction of Primary School Buildings and allotting necessary funds for the purpose.

3. Government Order No. E. 10097-10108—Edn. 111-48-15, dated 12th March 1949, approving Plans and Estimates for Primary School Buildings in the State.

4. Letter No. B3. 4207-266—48-49, dated 26th March 1949, from the Director of Public Instruction, requesting approval to his action in having approved the type designs 'A' and 'B' and the standard estimates of the Primary School Buildings furnished by the President, District Board, Mysore, and in having permitted them to sanction estimates up to 20 per cent over and above the approved standard estimates and also seeking orders on certain points.

5. Letter No. D3. C. 2654—48-49, dated 1st April 1949, from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District (Rural), seeking orders as to whether estimates prepared locally, so as to conform to the standard design, may be adopted and how far the cost could be exceeded, etc.

6. Letters No. S. 1396 and 1754-63—S., dated 15th February 1949 and 2nd April 1949, respectively, from the Chief Engineer for Roads and Buildings, furnishing his views in the matter of transferring the maintenance work of Primary School Buildings to Village Panchayets and also allowing a latitude of 30 per cent over and above the standard estimates to the Deputy Commissioners for the construction of Primary School Buildings.

7. Un-official Note B3. 4207-266 of 1948-49, dated 16th April 1949, from the Director of Public Instruction, furnishing his opinion in the matter of entrusting in future the maintenance of the existing Primary School Buildings and their minor improvements to the Village Panchayets as suggested by the Chief Engineer for Roads and Buildings with a view to have a uniform procedure.

8. Government Order No. E. 13968-9—Edn. 111-48-20, dated 16th June 1949, issuing modified orders regarding the transfer of grants for the construction of Primary School Buildings.

ORDER NO. E. 2518-41—EDN. 111-48-25, DATED BANGALORE, THE 16TH SEPTEMBER 1949.

The Director of Public Instruction has sought approval of Government to the following proposals :—

1. To approve his action in having approved the type designs and standard estimates furnished by the District Board, Mysore, for Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 3,000, respectively, for 'A' and 'B' Type Designs for Primary School Buildings of one and two rooms, respectively, with a verandah in front;

2. To transfer in advance a sum of Rs. 60,000 allowed for the District Board, Mysore, on certain conditions as suggested by his Financial Assistant; and

3. To entrust the construction of buildings of more than two rooms in respect of Primary Schools and also in respect of New Type Middle Schools, as the latter are classified under Primary Schools and as they also require more than two rooms to Village Panchayets through the Revenue Department and also for carrying out the periodical repairs and minor improvements to these School Buildings by the Village Panchayets.

After a careful consideration of all aspects of the matter Government are pleased to sanction the proposals of Director of Public Instruction and the Chief Engineer in modification of the Government Order, dated 10th November 1948, as indicated below :—

(i) *Preparation of Original Estimates.*—The standard estimate of Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 3,000 based on certain kinds of materials may be permitted to be exceeded up to 20 per cent

under the authority of the Deputy Commissioners or District Board Presidents when there are proper reasons to do so.

This will not apply to the case of the District Board, Mysore, during the year 1948-49, as the standard estimates have already been exceeded up to Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 5,000 in that year. The District Board, Mysore will, however, adhere to the original standard estimates with allowances up to 20 per cent as laid down above from the year 1949-50 and onwards.

(ii) *Excess over estimated cost.*—The following Officers of the Revenue Department are empowered to incur additional expenditure when it is certain to them that the construction of the buildings cannot be completed within the original cost as prescribed in Para 1 above.

(*a*) Amildar up to 10 per cent (*b*) Sub-Division Officer up to 20 per cent (*c*) Deputy Commissioner up to 30 per cent.	Over and above the original cost.

As regards the District Board works, the Executive Engineer may sanction up to 20 per cent and Presidents of District Boards up to 30 per cent, the permission granted to the District Board, Mysore by the Director of Public Instruction being allowed to stand in respect of works undertaken already for the year 1948-49.

(iii) *Construction of bigger Primary School Buildings and New Type Middle School Buildings.*—The original estimates in such cases may be Rs. 5,000 when they are sanctioned by the Deputy Commissioners and Presidents of District Boards and Rs. 7,500 when sanctioned by the Director of Public Instruction, any estimates above Rs. 7,500 being sanctioned by Government.

The limits of excess in the preparation of estimates and over estimated cost suggested for other Primary School Buildings will apply to these buildings as well and the suggestions made for preparing plans and estimates and for selecting places should be strictly followed. Such buildings should be as few as possible.

(iv) *Periodical repairs and minor improvements.*—The maintenance of Primary School Buildings hitherto maintained by the Public Works Department and also those buildings that are constructed in accordance with the Government Order, dated 10th November 1948, shall hereafter be attended to by the Village Panchayets through the Revenue Agency. The cost of maintenance shall not exceed Rs. 100 per annum per building and the contribution from Government shall not exceed Rs. 75, the balance of Rs. 25 being met from the Village Panchayets, the cost thereof being met out of the funds to be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioners every year for the construction of the Primary School Buildings as per Government Order, dated 10th November 1948, read above.

(v) Government further direct that in undertaking the construction of Primary School Buildings, local help of individuals and corporations should be tapped as far as possible but without undue pressure so as not to cause resentment on the part of the people and that in selecting places the possibility of local help forthcoming may be taken into consideration as far as possible.

In the construction of the buildings the locally available materials and also local labour should be used as this will be helpful in the construction of buildings in an economical manner consistent with the soundness of construction.

As regards the transfer of the amount of Rs. 60,000 to the District Board, Mysore, the procedure laid down in para 73 of the Elementary Education Fund Accounts Manual may be followed, *i.e.*, the District Board may pay the cost of works from the funds subject to recoupment from the Elementary Education Fund by sending monthly or quarterly bills with supporting vouchers to the Financial Branch of the Director of Public Instruction's Office for pre-audit and payment. The Director (A. & F. Branch) may sanction the estimates in all these cases and send a monthly list of sanctions to the Financial Branch and to the District Education Officer. The District Board should send completion reports to the Financial Branch through the District Education Officer.

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